

House Resolution No. 3597

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements in the field of public safety; and

Whereas, Matthew Clay Shuster of Mount Vernon, Missouri, has developed and maintained an exemplary reputation as a police officer, small business owner, and real estate developer; and

Whereas, on December 12, 2006, Matthew Shuster enhanced his already impressive record of accomplishments when he responded to the report of an armed intruder at the local ALPS grocery store; and

Whereas, near the area already because of a call concerning a pedestrian endangering himself by stepping into highway traffic, officer Matthew Shuster entered the ALPS store through the front entrance while a fellow officer came in through the back; and

Whereas, officer Matthew Shuster encountered an intoxicated man wielding a knife, which was subsequently thrown at the policeman; and

Whereas, when his partner tackled the intruder from behind while he was distracted, officer Matthew Shuster was then able to handcuff, arrest, and transport the man to the Lawrence County Jail; and

Whereas, although the intoxicated intruder had threatened to kill everyone in the store, the efforts of officer Matthew Shuster, his partner, and a few of the customers resulted in a positive conclusion to the whole event with nobody being injured; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Erin, Matthew Shuster is justifiably proud also to be known as the loving father of Jacob, Jeffrey, and Jenna and as a member of Covenant Baptist Church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute police officer Matthew Shuster; to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his highly professional actions when dealing with an armed intruder at the ALPS store in his hometown on December 12, 2006; and to express our sincerest best wishes for continued success in life for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Matthew Clay Shuster of Mount Vernon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Ruzicka
District No. 132

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3597, adopted May 11, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker